

advice in any matter or thing that will be transacted in the courts of the county where he acts as register aforesaid, under the penalty of thirty pounds current money for every such offence.

CHAPTER 12.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT* relating to Replevins.

* 1785, ch.
34.

See ante page 195, and the notes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, that some of the collectors of taxes, and others who have a right to execute for public dues and taxes, have demanded and received more than was due, and have even executed property, in some instances, for money due otherwise than for public dues and taxes, and in others more than was really due and owing for public dues and taxes, and abusing the power of execution, have sold such property to the great oppression of the people;

Persons
aggrieved,
may com-
plain, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That where any collector or his deputies shall, by distress or otherwise, collect and receive, as for public dues or taxes, more than the sum bona fide due, upon complaint of the person aggrieved, the commissioners of the tax for the county where such collection or receipt shall have been made, or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby empowered, upon complaint of the party so aggrieved, to hear and adjust the same; and if it shall appear to the said commissioners of the tax, or a majority of them, that more hath been received than was due, then and in that case the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby directed and empowered, to order the collector to pay double the sum received and not due, with the cost arising on the distress, and the expense of the said commissioners for their meeting and adjusting the same; but if it shall appear to the said commissioners, or a majority of them, that such receipt was merely through mistake, then shall the said commissioners order the excess only to be refunded, with costs and expenses as aforesaid; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may carry such order into effect, by their warrant to the sheriff or coroner, as the case may be, of their county, to levy the same by fieri facias, or to take the body of the said collector in execution, as on a capias ad satisfaciendum, in satisfaction thereof; and if complaint shall be made without just cause, the party complaining shall pay the costs and expenses arising on such complaint.

On applica-
tion, sale
may be sus-
pended, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That on any property being executed for or under colour of any public dues or taxes, if the person whose property hath been or shall be so executed will apply to any commissioner of the tax for the county where such